

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

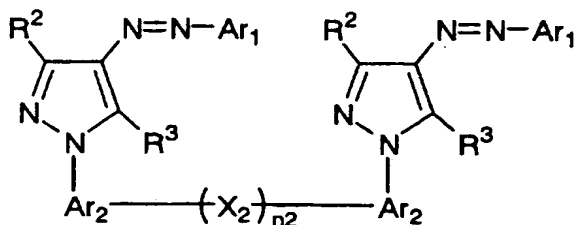
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Canceled)

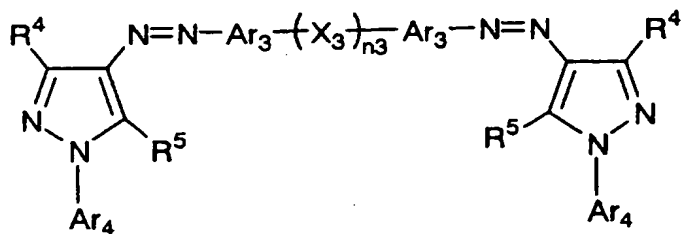
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~The ink according to Claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye~~ An ink, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (2) or (3):

Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), R^2 represents a monovalent group; R^3 represents a $-\text{OR}^6$ group or a $-\text{NHR}^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_2 represents a divalent linking group; n_2 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_1 represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and Ar_2 represents ~~an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a~~ divalent triazine ring group;

Formula (3)

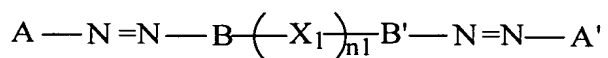


wherein, in formula (3), R^4 represents a monovalent group; R^5 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an ~~an~~ ~~arylene group or~~ a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~The ink according to Claim 1,~~ An ink, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1):

Formula (1)

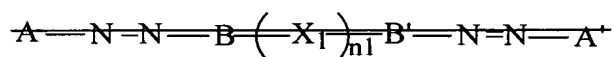


wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X_1 represents a divalent linking group; n_1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group, wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each are a 5-aminopyrazole ring, and B and B' each are a thiadiazole ring.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An ink-jet-recording method, comprising the step of:
forming an image with an ink, on an image-receiving material having an ink-receiving layer
containing white inorganic pigment particles on a support,

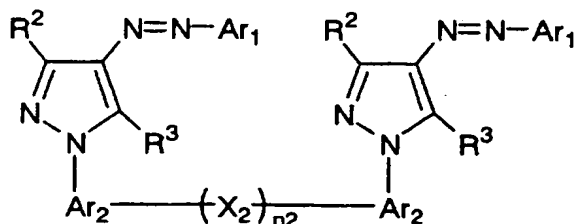
wherein the ink comprises at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



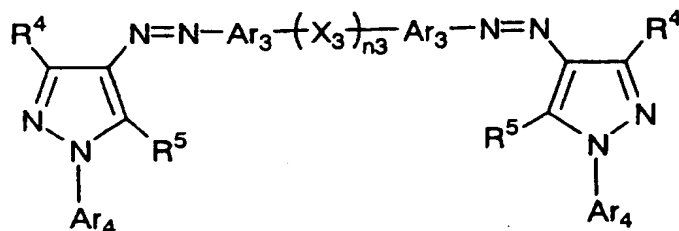
wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X₁ represents a divalent linking group; n₁ is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), R² represents a monovalent group; R³ represents a -OR⁶ group or a -NHR⁷ group in which R⁶ and R⁷ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X₂ represents a divalent linking group; n₂ is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar₁ represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and Ar₂ represents an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

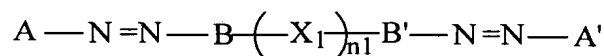
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), R^4 represents a monovalent group; R^5 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an ~~arylene group~~ or a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

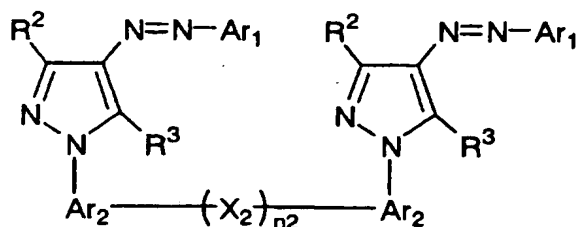
Claim 6 (Original): An ink sheet, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



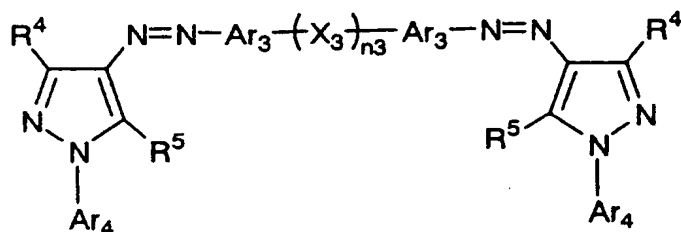
wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X_1 represents a divalent linking group; n_1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), R^2 represents a monovalent group; R^3 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_2 represents a divalent linking group; n_2 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_1 represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and Ar_2 represents an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

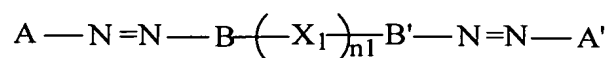
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), R^4 represents a monovalent group; R^5 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

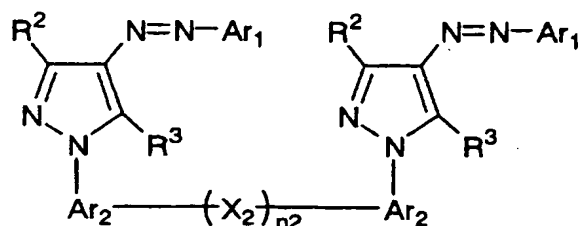
Claim 7 (Original): A color toner, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



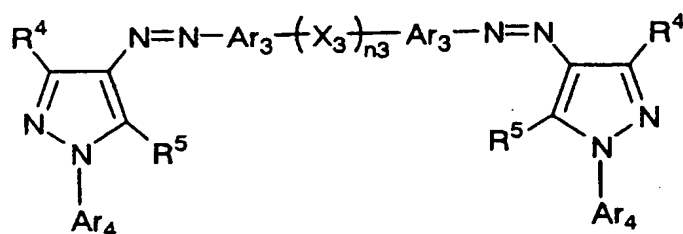
wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X_1 represents a divalent linking group; $n1$ is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), R^2 represents a monovalent group; R^3 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_2 represents a divalent linking group; $n2$ is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_1 represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and Ar_2 represents an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

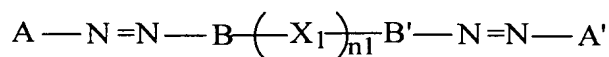
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), R^4 represents a monovalent group; R^5 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

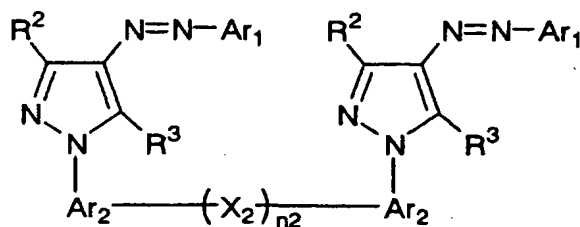
Claim 8 (Original): A color filter, comprising at least one dye represented by formula (1), (2) or (3):

Formula (1)



wherein, in formula (1), A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X_1 represents a divalent linking group; n_1 is an integer of 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group;

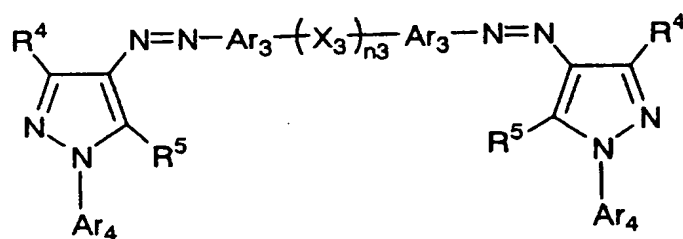
Formula (2)



wherein, in formula (2), R^2 represents a monovalent group; R^3 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_2 represents a divalent linking group; n_2 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_1 represents an aryl

group or a heterocyclic group; and Ar₂ represents an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a divalent triazine ring group;

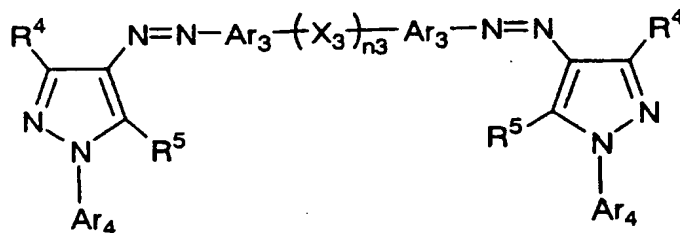
Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), R⁴ represents a monovalent group; R⁵ represents a -OR⁶ group or a -NHR⁷ group in which R⁶ and R⁷ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X₃ represents a divalent linking group; n₃ is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar₃ represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar₄ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A bis-azo compound represented by formula (3):

Formula (3)



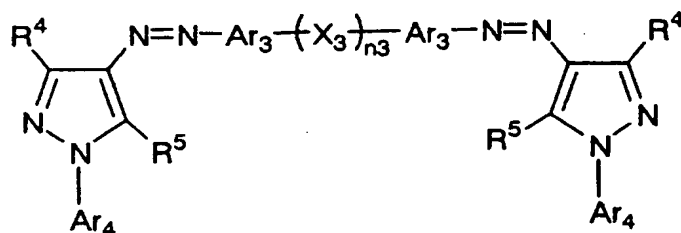
wherein, in formula (3), R⁴ represents a monovalent group; R⁵ represents a -OR⁶ group or a -NHR⁷ group in which R⁶ and R⁷ each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent

group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an ~~an~~ ~~arylene group or~~ a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group.

Claim 10 (Original): The bis-azo compound according to Claim 9, wherein, in formula (3), R^5 is an amino group.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~The bis-azo compound according to Claim 9;~~ A bis-azo compound represented by formula (3):

Formula (3)



wherein, in formula (3), R^4 represents a monovalent group; R^5 represents a $-OR^6$ group or a $-NHR^7$ group in which R^6 and R^7 each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group; X_3 represents a divalent linking group; n_3 is an integer of 0 or 1; Ar_3 represents an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; and Ar_4 represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, or a monovalent triazine ring group, wherein, in formula (3), Ar_3 is a thiadiazole ring.